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FOR UNDER SECRETARY ROBINSON, ASSISTANT SECRETARY ENDERS,
AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ENRG, FR, BE

SUBJECT: U.S. RESPONSE TO FRANCE ON PREPCON

REF: (A) STATE 197496 (B) STATE 197501

1. I CALLED DAVIGNON THIS MORNING TO ARRANGE A TIME TO
INFORM HIM OF THE U.S. RESPONSE TO THE FRENCH AIDE MEMOIRE.
HIS IMMEDIATE REACTION WAS TO URGE THAT THE U.S. NOT
FORMALLY ANSWER THE FRENCH AIDE MEMOIRE UNTIL AFTER THE
MEETING OF THE IEA GOVERNING BOARD ON MONDAY, AUGUST 25.
DAVIGNON THINKS THAT THE IEA MEMBERS CAN BE PERSUADED TO
SUPPORT THE U.S. POSITION IF THEY ARE GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY
TO DISCUSS IT AND IF THEY ARE NOT PRESENTED WITH A FAIT
ACCOMPLI.

2. DAVIGNON SAID HE CAN ARRANGE THAT THE EC NOT ANSWER
FORMALLY UNTIL AFTER MONDAY. HE HAS ALSO SENT AN URGENT
TELEGRAM TO TOKYO ASKING JAPAN TO HOLD OFF UNTIL THEN.

3. DAVIGNON HAS NO OBJECTION IF THE FRENCH ARE NOW
GIVEN A PRELIMINARY INDICATION OF WHAT OUR FORMAL RESPONSE
IS LIKELY TO BE. BUT HE WAS MOST INSISTENT THAT IT WOULD

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BE A MISTAKE TO GIVE THE FRENCH A FORMAL ANSWER BEFORE

MONDAY'S IEA MEETING.

4. I UNDERSTAND FROM GAMMON THAT EMBASSY PARIS HAS AN
APPOINTMENT WITH THE FRENCH ON THIS SUBJECT AT 5:00 PM.
TODAY.

5. PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST. RENNER

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